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Applicant: Mark R. Prausnitz, Jin Liu, and Thomas N. Lewis

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For: *ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL OF ACOUSTIC TISSUE EFFECTS*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 8, 2002, please amend the application as follows. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

In the Claims

1. (twice Amended) [A] The method of claim 27 for treating cells or [biological materials] tissues to alter permeability, cell viability or structural integrity comprising

(a) administering acoustic energy to the [biological materials] cells or tissues at one or more frequencies ;

(b) measuring a property or the effect of the acoustic energy during the treatment with acoustic energy; and